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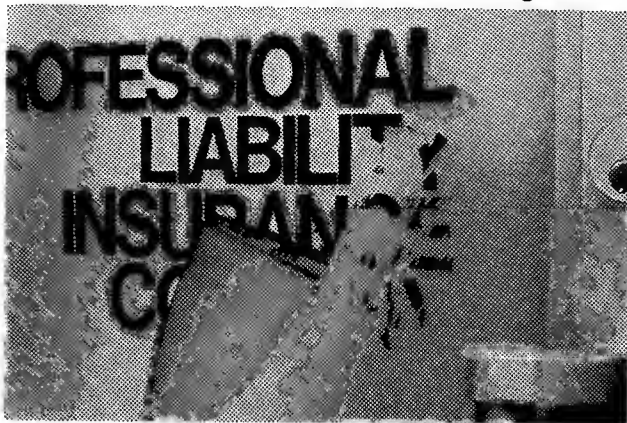
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From the Desk of the President



FOREIGN MEDICAL GRADUATES (FMG)

The doors of graduate medical training were widely open to FMG's in the 1960's, when the country needed houseofficers to staff in-patient care. As the U.S. is increasing its numbers of medical schools and class sizes and predicting surplus physicians in 1990, the doors are slowly narrowing. In the meantime, the earlier arrivals have settled into communities making contributions as any other category of immigrants, slowly but steadily integrating into the American mainstream.

In this transitional period, many FMG's voiced their objections to the barriers set specifically to bar FMG's entrance into the medical educational system. They protested too the discriminatory policies of licensing boards and hospital privilege restrictions. On the other hand, some feel FMG's are less qualified because of lower percentages being board certified as compared to U.S. graduates. Some even feel that FMG's are more likely to be sued though most studies contradict this thesis.

Currently, there are 123,000 FMG's in the U.S. representing 21% of the U.S. physician population. Every year, I have heard the need for foreign graduate sections at the state or national medical association. But it is invariably voted down by the House Delegates at meetings both here in Ohio and the AMA. The leaders and officers of organized medicine back the idea of FMG's sections, but it is indeed these very FMG's who are on the floor of the House of Delegates who voice objection to the idea of separate sections. The major reasons are that this is America and America has a fair system. Those who are hard workers, and willing to succeed, will succeed.

Furthermore, once FMG's sections are formed, then there will be women physicians' section, senior sections, young physicians' section and others. It will only further fragment the association. In Mahoning County, roughly 30% of the practicing physicians are foreign or U.S. born FMG's, but we have a beautiful working relationship between those two groups. Because of such a harmonious working relationship, we are able to attract high caliber FMG's to locate here which benefits everyone and also gives us a higher percentage of FMG's in the practicing population, in my opinion. I commend the vision of past and current leaders. Physicians are chosen as a consultant to a fellow physician or as a primary care doctor by the patient, solely based upon the knowledge, ability and willingness to serve on the part of the physician.

I would also like to point out that as more new students are graduating from our old

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Editorial:**THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE**

The right of a hospital staff member to hold active privileges in several hospitals simultaneously is going to be reconsidered at St. Elizabeth's staff meeting in December. The idea has been brought up for consideration in the past with mixed results. At Western Reserve Care System the staff has already voted to amend the by-laws to allow the holding of dual active privileges. The granting of such privileges requires that the holder attend the required number of meetings, participate in committee activities, and meet all the established standards of professional education, certification and conduct. The question of granting dual privileges has also been considered at St. Elizabeth's in the past, but was not able to elicit the required number of votes to effect a change in the staff by-laws. In other communities, the holding of multiple active staff appointments is commonplace, dependent only upon the individual practitioners desire to fulfill the requirements at each hospital. I believe that it is time for the medical community of Youngstown to recognize the individual practitioner's right to choose the degree to which he is willing to become involved in the staff functions of all the community hospitals.

The AMA's Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs states that "the primary obligation of the hospital medical staff is to safeguard the quality of care provided within the institution...decisions regarding hospital privileges should be based upon the training, experience and demonstrated competence of candidates...Personal friendships, antagonisms, jurisdictional disputes or fear of competition should be disregarded in making these decisions." The plethora of contractual arrangements between the hospitals and various insurance programs has oftentimes left the physician and his patient out of the decision regarding the admitting facility. The physician on "courtesy" staff has little input into hospital policy decisions that directly affect his patient's quality of care. "Incident reports" and letters to department heads do not have the same impact as being able to voice one's opinions in person or being a member of a hospital committee that is considering problems of quality of care. The physician who is willing to spend the time working within several

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MAHONING COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL October 11, 1988

The monthly meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held Tuesday, October 11, 1988, at the Moonraker Restaurant.

In the absence of the president, the vice president, Dr. Wieneke called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Upon motion duly made and seconded the Council unanimously determined to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September meeting, which had been previously mailed to all members, and of the addition to the minutes which was distributed at the beginning of the meeting.

The treasurer's report was given and upon motion duly made and seconded the Council unanimously authorized the payment of bills as listed with the agenda.

The following application for membership was presented:

ASSOCIATE: Claudio A. Ruiz, M.D.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter from Dr. Gaylord expressing his appreciation for the opportunity to serve in the Canfield Fair booth and his willingness to volunteer for 1989.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Medical Assistants Dinner: To date 304 reservations have been received.

Project Open

One application has been received. The total number of applications is eleven.

Aids Awareness

One request for a speaker has been received bringing the total number of requests to twelve.

Sixth District Councilor

Sixth District Councilor Dr. Anderson commented on the Sixth District Presidents meeting held last month in Canton. He discussed his campaign for the office of president-elect, OSMA, and noted that finances would be kept to a minimum. He announced that Dr. Reed (Stark County) would serve as his campaign chairman and that Stark County Medical Society has contributed \$350.00 (\$50.00 per delegate) to his campaign. Upon motion duly made and seconded the Council unanimously authorized a \$250.00 contribution (\$50.00 per delegate) to Dr. Anderson's campaign.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The combined Society and Auxiliary directory will be postponed until the Society membership files have been updated. Forms will be sent to all members.

More information is needed before a decision can be made on the health care coverage.

NEW BUSINESS

Mailing lists for bulk mail will be reviewed and updated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS


Medical Assistants Dinner - October 15, 1988 - Mr. Anthony's

OSMA Fall Legislative Update - October 20, 1988 - Summit County Medical Society

Society Open House - October 27, 1988 - Mahoning County Medical Society Office

Council Meeting - November 8, 1988 - Golden Hunan Restaurant (tentative)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



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Some of us grumble about the cost of advertising, others question the ethics of advertising services that the public is not competent to evaluate. Should we be encouraging people to have every bellyache evaluated with a C-T scan? Is medical care a product that should be sold to people on the open market, or is it a service that should be available to all who need it? Is wanting health care the same as needing it? These are questions that need answers and the answers will come.

However another question strikes me as perhaps being the most important one. Why are hospitals marketing their services to the public rather than to physicians? Obviously because they believe that patients, not doctors, make the decisions as to what services are needed and what hospitals are utilized. I submit that if the hospitals are right we are all in deep trouble, patients and physicians alike.

Certainly patients should be involved in decisions concerning their own health. However when the going gets tough where the rubber meets the road on whose shoulders does the weight of responsibility descend? You know darn well whose!

Physicians cannot abdicate making decisions the results of which they are responsible for. When we begin to say this loud and clear and in unison, maybe the hospitals will begin to put full page ads in medical journals rather than newspapers. Patient care will improve and it's cheaper too.

J. James Anderson, M.D.



AMA HEADLINES

LEGISLATION AND POLICY: President Reagan has appointed AMA President James E. Davis, M.D., to serve on the new U.S. Bipartisan Commission on Comprehensive Health Care. The 15-member commission will examine shortcomings in the nation's health care delivery system and make recommendations on a variety of comprehensive care services...A grant from the Centers for Disease Control will help train representatives of 30 medical societies to encourage AIDS information programs in schools nationwide. The project will tap the natural leadership role of physicians in an effort to educate youth about AIDS. The AMA's HIV/AIDS Office will direct the project...Intense AMA lobbying efforts recently resulted in the passage of a less restrictive lab regulation bill and an omnibus health bill which provides for AIDS research funding.

From The Desk of the President:

Foreign Medical (Continued from pg. 206)

medical schools, many of them are sons and daughters of not so recent FMG's and we should not close the doors completely to FMG's.

This summer, I was invited to welcome a past house officer of St. E's who single handedly built and operated a 200 bed general hospital in Korea. One of the important reasons he had been able to do so was the quality of his training here. The door of opportunity should always be open to those birght aspiring young men and women, no matter where they are from. The long term benefits locally and internationally cannot be measured; this is the American Spirit.

H.S. Wang, M.D.

Editorial:

The Right To Choose (Continued from pg. 207)

institutions on the committees to insure the quality of his patient's medical care should have the right to choose this option.

There is definitely a need for the right to be able to choose to be a courtesy staff member. A physician may only rarely need to admit to another facility, or for personal reasons may not be able to fulfill the commitment of active privileges. On the other hand, a policy that forces those who hold active privileges elsewhere to either become courtesy staff or else forfeit their active status elsewhere, only promotes divisiveness, and competition. The only ones who have anything to gain from a divided and competitive medical staff are the hospitals and insurance companies. The use of the medical staff as a competitive marketing tool becomes less effective for the marketers and less divisive to the medical community when the staff has the right to choose active status on both staffs, and has equal rights to admit patients wherever he chooses.

With the development of highly specialized services by the hospitals, there is a need for cooperation in order to avoid duplication done in order to provide competition rather than needed service. An active staff that is free to utilize any service provided at either hospital would be more likely to encourage cooperative development of programs rather than parallel development as is now the case in many areas. In order for the staff to be free to utilize services, and to assure the quality of the services offered, it must have THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE its status.

John R. LaManna, Jr., M.D.

AUXILIARY to the MAHONING COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Dear Friends:

November 1988

Would you believe that it is already time to think of sending holiday greeting cards? Here's some help for remembering your friends in the Mahoning County Medical Society during the holidays in a special and easy way.

The auxiliary is sponsoring a holiday sharing card as a fund-raising project for the American Medical Association Education and Research Foundation (AMA-ERF). A lovely holiday greeting card will be sent to each society member and his(her) spouse. An enclosure card listing the names of all those who make a donation will be included in the greeting. We hope you will choose to have your name as part of this list.

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Remember, this is a charitable cause and one to which we have a deep commitment. Please be generous and let me hear from you by December 1, 1988.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 1938

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There was an imposing list of new members: Drs. Herman Ipp, G.E. DeCicco, H. Bryan Hutt, John Renner, Barclay Brandmiller, Joseph J. Sofranec, William Sovik, and Alexander K. Phillips, all became outstanding members.

FORTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 1948

A leading article in that issue was written by Dr. John L. Scamecchia on "Retrod displacements of the Uterus". Dr. Scamecchia received word in October of his election to fellowship in the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Bryan Hutt passed his examinations successfully and was accredited by the American Board of Pediatrics. Dr. E.R. McNeal opened his office for the practice of Internal Medicine.

Dr. W.H. Bunn, Sr., was elected President and Dr. R.B. Poling, Vice President of the new Youngstown Heart Association.

Dr. W.J. Flynn became an active member of the Medical Society.

THIRTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 1958

Dr. Frank Gelbman had a very informative article on the "Dangers and Complications of Hypnosis".

New members that month were Drs. Robert Wamock, Winifred Liu Mutschman, Julius Nemeth, Joseph Tandatnick, Henry Ellison, Curtis Fisher, John Hyland, Milton Lenhart, Samuel Petraglia and Arthur Whittaker.

New members of the American College of Surgeons were Drs. Bert Katz, John Guju, Richard Murray, Cal Kunin and Ed Thomas; Dr. Alexander Calder opened his office on Glenwood Avenue.

TWENTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 1968

The Medical Dental Bureau introduced the new "Voice Page" System so that doctors could get their messages wherever they might be. With the new gadget you couldn't even find peace in the bathroom or the golf course.

There was an article in this issue of the Bulletin explaining to the members what an "Extended Care Facility" (ECF) was and the requirements needed for patients to qualify for ECF care under the Medicare plan. The "guidelines" kept changing so much that we had to install a department of Social Service in our hospitals to handle all the details.

New members that month were Dr. Gene Fry, Dr. Louis Alexander & Dr. Wm. Moskalik; Dr. Sanford Gaylord gave a lecture at the University of Pittsburgh on the use of the new fiberoptic gastric camera.

TEN YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 1978

Three deaths were recorded in this issue: Dr. Vern A. Neel, age 84, died of kidney failure after practicing in Youngstown for over fifty years. Dr. Walter Weickenand, age 76, died of heart disease after fifty years of General Practice in Campbell and Youngstown, and Dr. James D. Miller, age 60, died suddenly of cancer shortly after the publication of his historical novel, "The Bloody Ohio in 1776". Dr. Miller was associated in his early years with Dr. John Rogers and later moved to Southern Blvd. where he was joined by Dr. Robert Brown. He served the Youngstown Alcoholism Clinic for twenty-eight yrs.

Editor Dr. Dean J. Limbert, in his editorial eulogy of Kay Sarantopolous, spoke for all of us when he wrote, "It is our human seed that makes us think that death should have a better sense of timing".

New members that month were: Active: L.N. Harichand, M.D. and Humberto A. Latorre, M.D. Associate: Musbah Al-Salti, M.D., A. Gary Bitonte, M.D. Geoffrey Leslie Chentow, M.D. Eledath U. Krishpan, M.D. Karipineni R. Presad, M.D. Kong Tatt Oh, M.D.

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The History of the Mahoning County Medical Society Foundation

The Mahoning County Medical Society Foundation, hereafter known as the Foundation, has fulfilled a need for the past 40 years. During this time, it has loaned approximately \$31,375 to 27 medical students from Mahoning and Trumbull Counties in need of financial assistance.

The Foundation, as it approaches the half century mark, has been a success. The Chairman of the Foundation Committee is elected by the Committee members, who are in turn elected to serve two year terms by the Medical Society. Committee members frequently serve several terms and thus keeping informed, and a continuity in the philosophy of the Committee. The President of the Medical Society serves as an ex-officio member.

The Mahoning County Medical Society Foundation has its roots in the Medical Service Foundation, Inc. which was fostered by Edward J. Reilly, M.D. and his committee. In 1966 he wrote, "A resolution to form a Foundation for the Mahoning County Medical Society was presented to the Society at its annual meeting, December 1947, and was passed by the Society without a dissenting vote." Leading up to this meeting were numerous trips to Columbus by the Society's attorney and many conferences between the attorney, president of Youngstown University, a bank president, the County Commissioners, the Bishop, Dr. John N. McCann, Dr. E.J. Reilly and others.

The principle source of money to run the Medical Services Foundation had been contributions made by physicians of the Mahoning County Medical Society in lieu of taking payments for treatment of welfare patients in the hospital. These payments by the Welfare Department were \$1.35 per patient per day!

The Relief Director and the Medical Services Foundation initially worked together well. But later, the director interposed many obstructions, such as, requiring multiple signatures and delays to the point that the income to the Medical Services Foundation dropped to nearly zero.

The controversy was finally resolved and an agreement was reached whereby the welfare slips were to be signed in the same manner as physicians sign for private patients on admission and discharge to the hospital.

As time passed, the Welfare Department did not continue its financial obligations and without this income, the Medical Services Foundation became relatively ineffective. On May 17, 1966, just 18 years after its inception, at a special meeting of the Medical Services Foundation, it was voted to dissolve the organization.

A newly formed Mahoning County Medical Society Foundation not only received the residual funds from the Medical Services Foundation, Inc. but also funds remaining from the Polio Fund drive in the 40's.

The Foundation was organized to provide a means by which the Scholarship Committee could function. Initial funding for the Foundation was \$24,746 in June 1966 and one can readily see that by continuing to provide grants with little or no money being contributed that the Foundation would soon be bankrupt.

Prior to its formation in 1966, eight medical students had received over \$22,620 in grants. Additionally, a small number of students received grants for whom no records are

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History of the Mah. County Med. Soc. Foundation

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available.

A number of motions were passed during meetings of the Foundation in the late 60's and throughout the 70's to establish the regulations governing the Foundation. Some of these important decisions were:

The fund would be self-perpetuating.

Money received by medical students were loans, not gifts or grants.

Interest charged after graduation would be 4% (in 1981, this was increased to 7%).

The Trust Agreement was changed to prevent the Foundation from being able to give money to the Mahoning County Medical Society thereby achieving tax-exempt status.

All income (i.e. interest and dividends) must be awarded during the year in which it is received, otherwise, it would be taxable at 15%.

If a student discontinues the study of medicine, the note is due upon demand.

A recipient must have completed at least one year of medical school.

An Internal Revenue Service letter in 1973 reaffirmed that the Foundation was not a private foundation and that it did not have to pay taxes.

Records indicate that the vast majority of loan recipients have repaid their loans with interest and that many of them have given additional donations to express their gratitude. The Foundation regularly receives letters of appreciation. There have been only a few students who have not repaid their loans.

Through the vigorous efforts of past and present Presidents of the Society, Editors, members of the Foundation Committee and others, an increasing amount of money is being contributed. The contributions are frequently made in memory of the patients, friends and family members. The very first contribution to the Foundation was made by Dr. S.W. Chiasson for speeches he had given to various organizations. This was recorded in the May 1967 issue of the Bulletin.

Many non-physician contributions are received, as well as, donations from various organizations. These very important gifts, in addition to repaid loans, loan interest and principle earnings have resulted in a doubling of the Foundation fund since the mid 70's. The money now available has permitted the Foundation. to make five to six loans of \$1,000 each to medical students. This year the Foundation made five loans of \$2,000 each; an improvement from the single \$500 loan made in 1967 and 1968. The loans have gradually increased in number and amount thanks to the physicians of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

Physicians need to continue their generous support and encourage fellow physicians to contribute so that the Foundation may continue the great success story of doctors helping future doctors.

John C. Melnick, M.D.

St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center - CME

November 18, 1988 CARDIOLOGY

GARY GERSTENBLITH, M.D.

Associate Professor of Medicine

Johns Hopkins University

Johns Hopkins Hospital

Baltimore, Maryland

a PFIZER Visiting Fellow

"Management of Ischemic Disease in the Elderly Patient"

November 25, 1988 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

No Program Scheduled For This Date

December 2, 1988 HUMAN SEXUALITY

EREGINA BRADFORD, Ph. D.

Assistant Professor of Family Medicine in Clinical Psychology

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College of Medicine

Associate Director

Family Medicine Residency - Behavioral Science

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CHARLES THORNE, Ph. D.

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*"Recognition and Management of Common Sexual Problems
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November 19, 1988, 8:00 a.m.

Anesthesiology Lecture Series, "**Nitrous Oxide and Its Side Effects**" **Marc H. Uram, M.D.**, Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology, NEOUCOM, Neurosurgical Anesthesiologist, Western Reserve Care System, *1-(1) Tod Classroom I - Tod Children's Hospital

November 19, 1988, 8:00 a.m.

Tumor Conference, **John Politis, M.D., Moderator**, Asst. Professor of Internal Medicine, NEOUCOM, Director, Pulmonary Medicine Service, Western Reserve Care System, *1-(1) P-(1), Hitchcock Aud. - Southside Medical Center.

November 26, 1988, 8:00 a.m.

Anesthesiology Lecture Series, "**Common Blocks in the Pain Clinic**", **Donald L. Pearson, M.D.**, Anesthesiologist, Western Reserve Care System, *1-(1), Tod Classroom I - Tod Children's Hospital.

November 29, 1988, 8:00 a.m.

Emergency Medicine Lecture Series, "**Pediatric Case of the Month Presentation**", **Dale L. Kile, Jr., M.D., F.A.A.P.**, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Clinical Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, NEOUCOM, Coordinator, Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Western Reserve Care System, *1-(1) P-(1) E-(1), Tod Classroom I - Tod Children's Hospital.

December 1, 1988, 8:00 a.m.

Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, "**Review of Parenteral Nutrition**", **Robert Fisher, M.D.**, Hematologist/Oncologist, Medical Advisor, Parental Therapy Service, Cancer CareCenter, Western Reserve Care System, *1-(1) P-(1), Hitchcock Auditorium - Southside Medical Center

December 1, 1988, 8:00 a.m.

Pediatric Grand Rounds, "**The Radiologist's Approach to Vomiting in Infants and Children**", **Galterius A. Grajo, M.D.**, Assistant Professor of Radiology, NEOUCOM, Pediatric Radiologist, Western Reserve Care System, *1-(1), Tod Classroom I - Tod Children's Hospital

December 3, 1988, 8:00 a.m.

Anesthesiology Lecture Series, "**Epidural/Caudal Anesthesia**", **Darlene M. Miller, M.D.**, Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology, NEOUCOM, Pediatric Anesthesiology, Western Reserve Care System, *1-(1), Tod Classroom I - Tod Children's Hospital.

December 3, 1988, 8:00 a.m.

Tumor Conference, **Armand Garcia, M.D., Moderator**, Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery, NEOUCOM, General Surgeon, Western Reserve Care System, *1-(1) P-(1), Hitchcock Auditorium - Southside Medical Center.

December 6, 1988, 8:00 a.m.

Emergency Medicine Lecture Series, "**Current Controversies in Diagnoses and Treatment of Pharyngitis**", **John W. Babyak, M.D.**, Otolaryngologist, Western Reserve Care System, *1-(1) P-(1) E-(1), Tod Classroom I - Tod Children's Hospital.

December 8, 1988, 8:00 a.m.

Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, "**The Diagnosis and Treatment of Depression in the Medically Ill**", **Mark G. Fuller, M.D.**, Assistant Professor of

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NOVEMBER

Western Reserve Care System (Continued from Pg. 262)

Psychiatry, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, West Virginia School of Medicine, Director, Psychiatry Consultant Service, West Virginia University Hospital, Morgantown, West Virginia, *1-(1) P-(1) Hitchcock Auditorium - Southside Medical Center.

December 8, 1988, 8:00 a.m.

Pediatric Grand Rounds, "**Craniofacial Abnormalities in Children**", **James A. Lehman, Jr., M.D.**, Professor of Plastic Surgery, NEOUCOM, Director, Pediatric Plastic Surgery Fellowship, Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron, *1-(1), Tod Classroom I - Tod Children's Hospital.

December 10, 1988, 8:00 a.m.

Anesthesiology Lecture Series, "**Local Anesthetics**", **Lester R. Melnick, D.O.**, Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology, NEOUCOM, Cardiovascular Anesthesiologist, Western Reserve Care System, *1-(1), Tod Classroom I - Tod Children's Hospital.

December 10, 1988, 8:00 a.m.

Tumor Conference, **Davld G. Reed, M.D., Moderator**, Otolaryngologist, Western Reserve Care System, *1-(1) P-(1), Hitchcock Auditorium - Southside Medical Center.

ACCOLADES

Dr. H.S. Wang, president of the Mahoning County Medical Society, was among those honored for their commitment to United Way when the Youngstown Area United Way held its report meeting on October 13, 1988. Dr. Wang was a section leader within the professional division which exceeded its \$130,000 goal by \$5,121.00.

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Dr. Leonard P. Caccamo was the honored guest at the St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center's Tenth Annual Cancer Symposium. In his role as director of medical education at St. Elizabeth's from 1970 to 1984, Dr. Caccamo was instrumental in helping to bring the annual Cancer Symposium to the Youngstown community. Dr. Caccamo was also instrumental in planning the development of the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine and served on NEOUCOM's board of trustees. A member of St. Elizabeth's medical staff since 1955, Dr. Caccamo is now an emeritus physician.

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Beginnings

The Mahoning County Medical Society was founded on November 13, 1872 with ten physicians as members and is the oldest organization of professional men in the city or county. Dr. Timothy Woodbridge, M.D., (1810 - 1893) the first native born physician in Youngstown, was elected the first president. He was re-elected six times holding office for a total of seven years, the longest term of any president.

In 1872 Youngstown was three quarters of a century old and was known as the most important settlement in the southern part of the Western Reserve as well as one of the important cities in the entire state. The doctors in active practice that year in the city of Youngstown totaled thirteen.

Milestones

Medicine began in Youngstown in 1801 with the arrival of its first doctor - Charles Dutton. Dr. Dutton came from Wallington, Connecticut at the age of twenty four and was the township's only physician until the arrival of Dr. Henry Manning in 1811. Youngstown's third physician was Dr. Charles C. Cook who practiced from 1824 to 1863. Then followed a group of physicians who were to organize and operate Youngstown's first hospital. Youngstown Hospital, or Youngstown City Hospital, (as the first South Side Hospital was called) was founded in 1881 and opened its doors in 1883.

The Mahoning County Medical Society was only four months old when Dr. Helen Betts applied for membership. She was the pioneer woman doctor in Youngstown and most probably one of the first in the entire country. In 1873 she started the practice of medicine by sharing office space with Dr. Woodbridge. Dr. Betts was twenty-eight years old at the time and remained in Youngstown for only a few years.

Another physician of distinction was Dr. Carlos C. Booth. Dr. Booth was not only a physician, but a scientist, inventor and lecturer as well. He was the first doctor in the United States to use the automobile "horseless carriage" in the practice of medicine. Born in Trumbull County in 1882, Dr. Booth moved to Youngstown when he was elected Mahoning County Coroner in 1888, for the 1888-1890 term, and practiced here until his death in 1928.

The "Bulletin" which has served to keep members of the Mahoning County Medical Society informed of current news concerning the Society and the medical community, was first published in 1931. Dr. James Lee Fisher, president of the Society in 1935, was known as the "father" of the publication.

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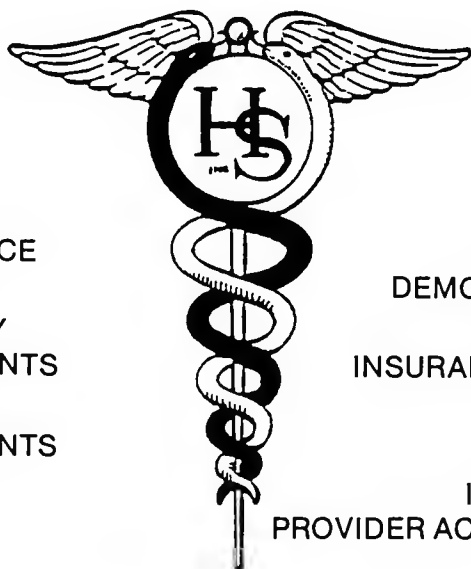
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In Memoriam

James B. Birch, M.D.**1901 – 1988**

When Dr. James B. Birch, one of the outstanding early pediatricians in Youngstown, died recently, all lost a most valuable member of the medical profession - of the old school, whose patients came from all over the three adjoining counties as well as nearby Pennsylvania. He had treated many three generation families and although he retired from active practice ten years ago, his former patients could never find another physician who could take his place.

When Dr. Birch retired in 1978, after 50 years of practice, the *Vindicator* had a long and very informative article regarding Dr. "Jim" as we all knew him. He was born in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, one of five children, but moved to Springfield, Ohio, where his father Thomas Bruce Birch, Ph.D. was head of the department of Philosophy & also taught Greek at Wittenberg University.

Dr. Birch graduated from Wittenberg University with an AB degree in 1926 at the age of 20 years and taught school for a year in Bellfountain, Ohio, before going to Medical School at the University of Pennsylvania. He served his internship at St. Elizabeth Hospital here in Youngstown, then went on to post graduate work in Pediatrics in Philadelphia and at Childrens' Hospital in Cincinnati. While in Philadelphia, he and Waldo E. Nelson, M.D. (of Nelson's Textbook of Pediatrics fame - our Bible as it were) were classmates and life long friends.

After completing his Pediatric residencies, he returned to Youngstown, was an active member of the staff at St. Elizabeth Hospital and also on the courtesy staff at the Youngstown Hospital Association. He had been on the board of the Child Guidance Center, a board member and past president of the Speech and Hearing Center and on the original board of what is now the Easter Seal Center. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church.

A very wonderful person, Dr. "Jim's" death saddens all who had ever had the occasion to know him, and to us with whom he worked and helped out on many occasions.

He is survived by two children, Mrs. Paul (Katie) Ricciuti of Youngstown and a son James (Tony) Birch of Cleveland.

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